Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The amount proposed to be spent is Rs. 852.

(*b*) The road from Ashtemkudam road to Kariattukara including branches has been sanctioned for improvement to a length of 2,000 feet.

(*c*) The work is almost completed.

(*d*) No. The local Panchayat President once informed the Village Menon that in certain places in the Kariattukara temple road where there is no sufficient width to lay out the road, there was possibility of encroachments by private parties.

(*e*) No answer in view of answer to question No. (*d*). The road was surveyed and it was found that there was no encroachment worth the name for which action has to be taken.

(*f*) Survey Nos. 560/4, 562/3, 563/5, 566, 570/2 and 571/1 of Aranattukara Village.

(*g*) Yes.

KALLEMPADAM MARKET—INFORMATION REGARDING

242. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Kallempadam market in Talappalli Taluk brought to existence;

(*b*) the amounts expended by the Government for putting up stalls and buildings in this market;

(*c*) the rental or license fees realised by the Government for each of the subsequent years after the opening of this market;

(*d*) who is the present licensee or keeper of this market;

(*e*) on what terms and conditions is the market entrusted to the present licensee or keeper;

(*f*) when was the market entrusted with the present licensee or keeper?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is no information as to when the market actually came into existence. It is, however, understood that the market was in existence even prior to 1074 M. E.

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(*b*) A shed was put up for the first time in 1110. The expenditure was Rs. 65 only.

(*c*) Information as to the lease amounts collected since 1108 alone is available. They are.—

	Rs.
1108	60
1109	60
1110	80
1111	80
1112	80
1113	80
1114	80
1115	50

(*d*) Mr. Achat Govinda Menon, Palayannur.

(*e*) For a rental of Rs. 50. The lessee has to carry out the P. C. R. works to the market.

(*f*) The only information available is that he was the lessee since 1108.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Government have expended any amount till 1114 for the P. C. R. works ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Yes. We have spent at the rate of Rs. 75 every year for the P. C. R.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know what was the nature of the P. C. R. works done with this Rs. 75 ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The original building cost only Rs. 65, but here there is an amount of Rs. 75 spent under P. C. R.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: A building costing Rs. 65 is repaired every year spending Rs. 75 every year. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to go into the details of the expenditure ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Since last year no money is spent. It was all before that year.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)* : After the Hon'ble Minister came into office did he try the experiment of the P. C. R. expenses being met by the Government ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The moment I came into office I found out this disparity, and I said that the P. C. R. works must be undertaken by the contractor. The State

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was making only an income of 5 rupees. You are getting Rs. 80 and you are spending Rs. 75. Last year the lessee was compelled to take it for Rs. 80 plus the P. C. R. works. Later on he said he was unable to take it unless the amount is reduced. We put it to auction and we got Rs. 45. Then we sent for the contractor and persuaded him to take it for Rs. 50.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether it was after auctioning that the present contractor was entrusted with this work ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappall):* May I know, for how many years is the present contract binding on the Government ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is only for one year.

The hon'ble members must understand one thing. 7/8 of the market belongs to this gentleman and only one-eight belongs to the Government and no one will be in a position to conduct this market, except this gentleman.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* If the market is situated in such a disadvantageous position and if the Government want to see that the Government market is patronised by the public will it not be proper to disallow the private market owner to conduct the market there ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Then there will be an end of everything. If a person who has been running the market and has established a vested right for a number of years applies for a license I do not think any Government will refuse license on the ground that the Government wanted to run a market. He will have to be given compensation for the same.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Here it is seen that in 1115, the amount has gone down to Rs. 50. If that person is influencing other persons not to bid this market will it not be advisable to see that such influence is put a stop to ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* How can we do it? A person who possesses influence does possess the influence. The Government can act only according to law. Suppose I possess some influence in some locality. What can the Government do ?

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Can a private owner conduct a market without a license from the Government ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He cannot.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What are the reasons under which a license can be refused by the Government ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the market is not kept properly the Government can refuse the license; if any of the conditions under which the market is given is violated, then the Government can interfere. Generally if the sanitation is not properly kept up and if other complaints against the market contractor are received by the Government, after giving minor punishments, the license itself will be cancelled.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the Government to abolish all private markets ?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Nobody made such a suggestion.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, whether this market has been entrusted with any other person than this Mr. Menon in the past years ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Developmet):* I believe all these years it was in his hands. I am subject to correction. No one else can take it. It is only a single shed that belongs to the Government. But in order to avoid unnecessary competition this gentleman is taking it always. I myself made a visit to the place.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I will suggest to the Government that with regard to the question of repairs it will be more advisable that the Government tries that experiment once again under close scrutiny of the present Minister just to verify the amount. Secondly after trying that experiment you auction it without this expenditure for P. C. R. works.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will do that. It is only when he was given this time that I insisted upon the P. C. R. work also being done by him. We will look into this matter.

It is giving a lot of trouble.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether this Rs. 50 or Rs. 80 is the license fee or the rent of the portion of the Government market ?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is for the rent.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the license fee?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It was answered by the Hon'ble Minister that this was auctioned before entrusting with this gentleman. May I know whether it was auctioned by the Director of Public Health or by the Panchayats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Supposing this market owner does not want this portion of the Government market what would happen?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will auction it.

KUMARANCHIRA-MURKANAD ROAD—OPENING OF

243. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Karlam Gramodharana Sangham (കാറളം ഗ്രാമോദ്ധാരണ സംഘം) the urgent necessity of a road from the Panchayat road to the south of Kumaranchira Temple to Murkanad School road;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to consider this proposal as early as possible?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As there are other foot-paths to reach the Murkanad School road, the connection road proposed is not very urgent and therefore it will have to wait for the present.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, Sir, whether the foot path is available in the paddy fields?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not exactly know.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* There is no footpath from Karalam to Murkanad as a matter of fact.

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